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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on December 3, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

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1. (Amended). An isolated HIV-1 Group O env polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:61).

2. (Amended). An isolated HIV-1 Group O env polypeptide comprising an immunoreactive portion of a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:61).

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